

CLAIMS

1. A traceable luggage bag and system, comprising:

(a) means for permanently identifying said luggage bag, said means for permanently identifying including a unique identification number that is permanently attached to said luggage bag;

(b) a data base, said data base containing a file of information pertinent to said luggage bag; and

(c) means for providing access to said file to a user.

2. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 1 wherein said user is an owner of said luggage bag.

3. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 2 wherein said access to said file includes providing means for changing the contents of said file.

2/. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 1 wherein said user is an authorized user.

3/. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim ²⁾ 1 wherein said access to said file by said authorized user includes an ability to view the contents of said file and precludes an ability to change any of the contents of said file.

4/. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim ²⁾ 1 wherein said authorized user includes an airline company.

5/. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim ²⁾ 1 wherein said authorized user includes a commercial type of a carrier.

6/. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim ²⁾ 1 wherein said authorized user includes a hotel.

7/. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 1 wherein said means for permanently identifying said luggage bag

includes at least one bar code label that is permanently attached to said luggage bag.

8 ~~10~~. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 1 wherein said means for permanently identifying said luggage bag includes at least one microchip that is permanently attached to said luggage bag.

9 ~~11~~. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 1 wherein said means for permanently identifying said luggage bag is permanently attached to said luggage bag by a manufacturer at the time said luggage bag is manufactured.

10 ~~12~~. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 1 wherein said means for permanently identifying said luggage bag is permanently attached to said luggage bag after said luggage bag has been manufactured.

11 ~~13~~. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 1 wherein said means for providing access to said file is provided subsequent to a communication to said data base providing

said unique identification number and an owner personal identification number to said data base and, wherein, said means for providing access includes means for changing the contents of said file.

~~14. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 1 wherein said means for providing access to said file is provided subsequent to a communication to said data base providing said unique identification number and an authorized user identification number to said data base and, wherein, said means for providing access includes means for preventing said user from changing the contents of said file.~~

15. A traceable luggage bag and system, comprising:

(a) a luggage bag having a predetermined size and shape; and

(b) means for permanently identifying said luggage bag, said means for permanently identifying including a unique identification number that is permanently attached to said luggage bag.

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~~14~~ 16. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim ~~15~~
including means for obtaining said unique identification
number from said means for permanently identifying.